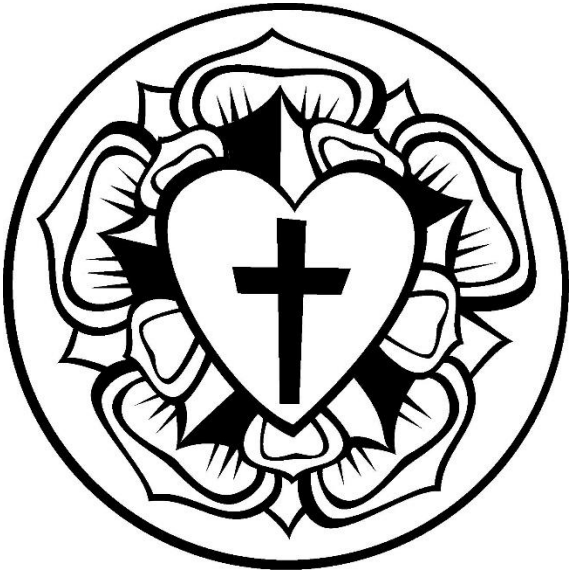
# *Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church*

## *October 11, 2026, 10:45 am*
## *Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost*

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# Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to sign our guest book at the Entrance to our Sanctuary. Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

**Holy Communion**: Participation in Holy Communion is open to all Christians that believe Christ is truly present in this sacrament. We now offer gluten free wafers for those requesting them. Let the Pastor know your preference.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE PADS AT THE END OF EACH PEW. This is very helpful as it keeps us up to date on attendance numbers.

Circle of Prayer: Edward & Patricia Doub
John & Tracy Doub

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

The Bulletin today is dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Mark & Sallie Johnson and family. Given by Ed and Susie Shaw.

The Sanctuary Light is dedicated to the Glory of God and In Honor of the wedding anniversary of Chris and Donna Nave on October 6th. Given by Harry Knode.

Lunches this month are dedicated to the Glory of God and in Loving memory of Duane Stiles. Given by Dawn, Emily, Brandon and Luke Stiles.

Homebound & Shut Ins – Randy Anderson, Bob Bowers, Barbara Burger, Jean Brechbill, Terry Conrad, Bob Gordon, Demeta Matlack, Linda Perry, Marilyn Schoenian, Ien Srun, Kitty Smalts, Bonnie Thomas, James Thomas.

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## GATHERING

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE "Oh, How He Loves You and Me" arr. Ellen Banks Elwell**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVNESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness**
**in the world and in our own hearts.**
**Creation groans from overuse.**
**Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.**
**Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.**
**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love**
**to others.**
**Turn our hearts back to you.**
**Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.**
**Renew us to live as your holy people,**
**following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn #819 Come, All You People**

**GREETING**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
**And also with you.**

The word is near you,
**On your lips and in your heart.**

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,
**And believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

Faith comes from what is heard,
**And what is heard come through the word of Christ.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE #821 Shout to the Lord**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (on insert)**

## WORD

**First Reading** **Isaiah 25:1-9**

**Second Reading** **Philippians 4:1-9**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (stand)**
**Hymn #172 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

**Gospel** **Matthew 22:1-14**

**After announcement: Glory to You, O Lord**
**Response after reading: Praise to You, O Christ**
**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**PREACHING OF THE WORD** **Rev. Kimberly Nunberg-Wadel**

**Hymn of the Day I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy (see insert)**

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED**
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
**creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**
**born of the virgin Mary,**
**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**
**was crucified, died, and was buried;**
**he descended to the dead. ***
**On the third day he rose again;**
**he ascended into heaven,**
**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**
**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
**the holy catholic church,**
**the communion of saints,**
**the forgiveness of sins,**
**the resurrection of the body,**
**and the life everlasting.** **Amen**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P/ Hear us, O God, **C/ Your mercy is great.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**Musical Offering**

**"Blessed Assurance"**
**arr. Phoebe Knapp**
**Lydia Vickers, Saxophone**

## MEAL

**OFFERTORY Hymn #583 Take My Life, That I May Be**

**OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

God of creation,
**you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.**
**All blessings are from you;**
**make us generous with what we have.**
**Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts**
**in service to you and in love to our neighbors,**
**today and always. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.
**And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
**We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**SANCTUS Hymn #473 Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)**

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)**
**Our Father, who art in heaven,**
**hallowed be thy name,**
**thy kingdom come,**
**thy will be done,**
**on earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread;**
**and forgive us our trespasses,**
**as we forgive those**
**who trespass against us;**
**and lead us not into temptation,**
**but deliver us from evil.**
**For thine is the kingdom,**
**and the power, and the glory,**
**forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**
**AGNUS DEI** (Red Hymnal, Page 208)

**DISTRIBUTION:** Salvation and new life come to us through the bread and wine at Christ's command as he says, "This is my body given for you and this is my blood shed for you." Communion is being served at the altar or in your pew. Follow the directions given by the Pastor & the Ushers.

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**
**Hymn #491 Come, Let Us Eat**

*Please stand*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**
Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

**Blessing**
The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN The Trees of the Field (see insert)**

**Dismissal**
Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude "Awesome God" arr. Ellen Banks Elwell**

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# THE WEEK AHEAD

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| October 11, 2026 | |
| 8:15 am | Worship Service |
| 9:30am | Sunday School – All Ages |
| 10:45 am | Worship Service |
| 2:00 pm | Community Band |
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| October 12, 2026 | |
| 6:30 pm | Council Meeting |
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| October 13, 2026 | |
| 7:00 pm | Jazz Band |
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| October 14, 2026 | |
| 11:00 am | Bible Study |
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| October 15, 2026 | |
| 6:00 pm | Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| 6:30 pm | AA |
| 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal |
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| October 17, 2026 | |
| | Lunches |

**WORSHIP SERVERS FOR OCTOBER 11, 2026**

**Ushers**

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| **8:15 am** | **Dave Knode** |
| **10:45 am** | **Randy Miles** |

**Greeters**

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| **8:15 am** | **Terry & Debbie Grossnickle** |
| **10:45 am** | **Lesa & Joey Mason** |

**Lay Readers**

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| **8:15 am** | **Ernie Stoner** |
| **10:45 am** | **Joy Neikirk** |

**Communion Assistants**

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| 8:15 am | Kathy Himes and Margie Wolverton |
| 10:45 am | Nicole Banzhoff and Jamie Neikirk |

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| 8:15 am | Acolyte: Ian Baran | Crucifer: Loren Baran |
| 10:45 am | Acolyte: Brandon Stiles | Crucifer: Luke Stiles |

**Altar Care**

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| 8:15 am | Brent & Jackie Taylor |
| 10:45 am | Jamie & Joy Neikirk |

**Film Schedule:**

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| 8:15 am | The Baran Family |

## WORSHIP SERVERS FOR OCTOBER 18, 2026

**Ushers**

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| 8:15 am | John Doub |
| 10:45 am | Joey Mason |

**Greeters**

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| 8:15 am | Dave & Shirley Knode |
| 10:45 am | Marjorie Dilworth |

**Lay Readers**

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| 8:15 am | Sherri Taylor |
| 10:45 am | Michael Harp |

**Communion Assistants**

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| 8:15 am | David Knode |
| 10:45 am | Charles Crown and Kathy Himes |

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| 8:15 am | Acolyte: Dawson Miller | Crucifer: |
| 10:45 am | Acolyte: Rowan Harp | Crucifer: Jordyn Miles |

**Altar Care**

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|---|---|
| 8:15 am | Brent & Jackie Taylor |
| 10:45 am | Ed & Susie Shaw |

**Film Schedule:**
**10:45 am**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please keep in prayer: Patty Allen, Randy Anderson, Loretta Bassler, Cindy Dean, Sally Drury, Kristine Griffith, Tom Grazoa, Kay and Mary Guessford, AJ Haque, Greg Harp, Roger Hecker, Jim Jacobus, Robert Kerns, Sarah Kiley, Harry Knode, Tom Knode, Rachel Knox, Saundra and Frank Largent, Charles Matlack, Liam Manuel, Jeff McVicker, Julie Middlekoff, Sue Moser, Pat Myers, Carol Nedemyer, Camden Thomas Nunnally, Maria Nunnally, Linda Perry, Mackenzie Raidt, Jim Rudolph, Marilyn Schoenian, Ginny Slick, Driver Spade, Jonah Srun, John Stanton, Emily Stiles, Kim Thomas, Levi Webb, Cheryl Wilkes, Paul Wolverton, Linda Young.

On October 25, 2026, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday. There will be one service at 9:30 am, followed by a potluck in the Fellowship Hall. We will also receive Confirmands as well that Sunday. They are, Ian Baran, Rowan Harp, and Jonah Nunberg. Remember to wear your red.

On October 30, 2026, Zion will be hosting Trunk or Treat in conjunction with Kinder Haven. It will be held from 6 pm – 8 pm. County wide trick or treating is at this time, as the Mummer's Parade is the next night. There are 2 ways you can help. First, please come and decorate your vehicle and hand out candy and small toys to the children. Second, if you can't attend, we need donations of individually wrapped candy, individual bags of chips or other snacks, OR small toys such as pencils, stickers, temporary tattoos, fidget toys, etc. Donations can be dropped off in the office. All donations should be at the church by Sunday, October 25. Thanks so much for creating an awesome outreach to our community. If you have questions, please see Pastor Kim.

It is time to update the church directory. If you need to make changes to your information, please let the office know. If you have recently joined Zion, please contact the office to confirm your information.

FREE Museum of the Bible Membership for Zion Families! We are excited to share a very generous gift with our Zion family! Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC has offered our entire congregation a FREE one-year "Light on a Hill" membership. The membership includes general admission for two adults and all youth ages 5–17 per visit, plus guest discounts, theater savings, discounts on dining and shopping, and more. Visit zionlutheranmd.org/motb for complete details and instructions on how to redeem your free membership. Zion members must begin at this webpage to access the correct membership link. Questions? Contact Michael Harp at mharp@zionlutheranmd.org.

School is beginning and Micah's Backpack is beginning again as well. Last year, we served over 30 students in the Williamsport School District. Micah's needs the following items to stock the shelves for the beginning of the school year: oatmeal, Pop-Tarts, and microwavable macaroni and cheese. Donations can be dropped in the bin outside of the Fellowship Hall. Or, if you prefer, please put a donation in the offering plate and we will do the shopping for you. Just designate it for Micah's Backpack.

The Williamsport Food Bank has the following needs for the month of October: cereal, peanut butter and grape jelly, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, baked beans, tuna fish and jarred applesauce. Donations can be placed in the bin outside of the Fellowship Hall. If it is easier for you, you can make a monetary donation made payable to the Williamsport Food Bank. Thank you for your help and generosity.

***SAVE THE DATE:***

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|---|---|
| October 17, 2026 | Lunches |
| October 25, 2026 | Reformation Sunday (one service) |
| October 30, 2026 | Trunk or Treat (with Kinder Haven) |